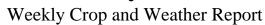


#### MD-CW1806

# Maryland





July 31, 2006

# **Early Rains Difficult on Vegetable Harvest**

Temperatures have dried soil conditions as most of Maryland is still below average rainfall as of the week ending July 30th. However, corn and soybeans were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Corn condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 48 percent good and 36 percent excellent. **Other Hay** second cutting continues as it is 77 percent complete; just slightly behind the 80 percent 2005 recording. Some **vegetable** growers were still concerned about harvesting in areas affected by heavy rains earlier in the summer. There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. For the week ending July 30th, apples were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good while 15 percent of apples have now been harvested. Currently, 46 percent of peaches have been harvested; ahead of the 28 percent five-year average.

**Pasture condition** was rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 16 percent excellent while **hay** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 14 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

Item		This Week	ek Last Week Last Year		Average 2001-2005	
Field Crops						
Corn:	Silked	81	74	97	81	
	Dough	24	12	23	31	
Soybeans:	Emerged	98	93	100	96	
	Blooming	29	17	50	41	
	<b>Setting Pods</b>	11	5	12	16	
<u>Hay</u>						
Alfalfa Hay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	93	92	94	94	
-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	38	27	60	45	
Other Hay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	77	71	80	77	
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	5	2	16	21	
Vegetables Ha	<del>-</del>					
Cantaloups		33	21	33	35	
Cucumbers		45	40	75	53	
Lima Beans		67	65	56	34	
<b>Potatoes</b>		59	55	48	41	
<b>Snap Beans</b>		61	60	78	58	
<b>Sweet Corn</b>		37	30	45	48	
<b>Tomatoes</b>		31	23	21	27	
Watermelon	s	13	8	24	20	
Fruits Harves	<u>ted</u>					
Apples		15	5	11	6	
Peaches		46	28	29	28	

# SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
Condition by Percent	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005
Very Short	5	1	10	2	1	13
Short	19	9	25	22	10	18
Adequate	66	76	55	67	78	62
Surplus	10	14	10	9	12	7

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## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this	Total Since	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Average	Departure from
	week	Jan 1	Since Jan 1				Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.05	20.38	-3.22	95	61	80	4
Frederick	0.16	23.62	0.42	93	63	79	6
Frostburg	0.72	21.30	-7.30	83	54	71	3
Hagerstown	1.15	20.91	-1.72	90	61	77	3
Mechanicsville	0.08	22.48	-4.01	91	62	78	2
Patuxent River	0.06	16.59	-7.44	96	63	80	5
Ocean City	0.02	16.87	-8.94	93	62	78	3
Salisbury	0.18	23.25	-2.65	93	57	77	-1
Sharpsburg	0.74	22.98	-0.22	93	60	76	4
Stevensville	0.14	23.38	-1.07	92	69	81	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	28.65	6.63	94	67	82	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.80	24.07	-1.14	97	66	80	3
Georgetown	0.05	25.16	0.30	92	63	79	3
Wilmington	0.94	28.14	3.89	91	63	78	2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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